Fits: to most domestic and pilgrim tourism

5222. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan to boost domestic tourism including pilgrim tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to give any concession to the Senior Citizens while promoting pilgrim tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The National Action Plan for Tourism envisages development of dmestic tourism, especially for the budget category, so as to ensure an affordable holiday for them. Accommodation facilities, and wayside amenities are provided at important pilgrim centres.

(c) and (d) Presently, discounts in domestic air fares by Indian Airlines and in room tariffs in ITDC Hotels to the extent of 50% are offered to Senior Citizens above 65 years in age. The discounts in ITDC Hotels are only during specified periods.

Gujarat Government's proposals for promotion of tourism

5223. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from Government of Gujarat pending for approval with the Central Government for promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, how many out of them have been approved so far; and

(c) what is the stage of consideration of the remaining proposals?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) All the proposals received from the State Government of Gujarat for development of tourism in the State, which were found complete in all respects have been sanctioned. During 1994-95, the Department of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned three schemes amounting to Rs. 21.19 lakhs for the development of tourism in Gujarat.

Proposal for International Airport at Aurangabad

5224. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up another International Airport at Aurangabad with a view to raduce the congestion at the Bombay International Airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Trade Fair Complex at Aurangabad

5225. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a trade fair complex at Aurangabad in order to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken thereon?